

Farm Labor

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July Farm Work Force Rises Above June Level

Nationally, the farm labor force for the week of July 20-26 rose 6 percent above the June survey week. The estimated 5,571,000 total workers, however, still was 3 percent below the July 1968 survey week. There were 3,730,000 farm operators and unpaid family members. The 1,841,000 hired workers represented a 16 percent gain over the June 1969 survey week indicating an increased tempo in farm harvest activity.

Farm workers averaged 38.9 hours during the July survey week virtually unchanged from July 1968 but 4 percent below a month earlier. Farm operators averaged 46.6 hours, other unpaid family members worked 34.5 hours, and hired workers averaged 32.3 hours.

Percent Change

Item	Farm Employment-Weekly Hours Worked					
	All Workers		Farm Operators & Unpaid Family Members		Hired Workers	
	June 1969 to July 1969	July 1968 to July 1969	June 1969 to July 1969	July 1968 to July 1969	June 1969 to July 1969	July 1968 to July 1969
Employment	+ 6	- 3	+ 1	- 3	+ 16	- 3
Hours Worked	- 4	0	- 2	0	- 6	- 2

Storms Slowed Farm Activity East of Rockies

Winter wheat harvest in the Corn Belt States was frequently interrupted by showers. Harvest was virtually complete in Kansas and about 90 percent complete in Nebraska. Combining in South Dakota neared the halfway mark and was getting underway in Montana. Harvest of other small grain crops continued as the ripening moved northward.

The corn crop was developing later than normal in the northern and western Corn Belt. Seed corn detasseling operations were requiring additional farm workers but the supply appeared adequate in most localities.

The cotton crop was setting bolls throughout much of the country. Early bolls were approaching maturity in Arizona. Light picking was underway in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Much of the Texas acreage was short of soil moisture. A good boll set was reported from California.

Tobacco harvest was about 75 percent complete in Georgia and 67 percent complete in South Carolina. Harvest was progressing rapidly in North Carolina and was about 50 percent complete in the eastern part of the State but only about one-fourth finished Statewide. Harvest was just getting started in Virginia.

Sorghum harvest and peanut digging was underway in Texas. Rice harvest was beginning in Louisiana and Texas, much later than usual. Hay cutting continued active throughout the country.

Peach harvest was moving into the last stages in Georgia and South Carolina while picking increased in California orchards. Picking of grapes for table use became increasingly active in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Labor supplies continued adequate for current activities. Deciduous fruit harvest increased in many other Northern growing areas of the Nation.

Harvest of many vegetable crops for fresh market and processing was active in summer production areas in the North, placing additional demands on the available seasonal work force in those areas.

Farm employment represents number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms one hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during survey week. Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with the data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The BLS data are derived from a household survey where each member 16 years of age and older is classified as performing farm or nonfarm work on the basis of major activity during the survey week.

Farm employment and indexes, July, 1969, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1967	: Annual : average : 1968	: July : 23-29, : 1967	: July : 21-27, : 1968	: July : 20-26, : 1969
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	4,903	4,745.8	5,957	5735.3	5570.9
Family labor	3,650	3,532.4	3,983	3843.3	3729.6
Hired labor	1,253	1,213.4	1,974	1892.0	1841.3
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	36	35	37	36	35
Family labor	36	35	36	35	34
Hired labor	37	36	39	38	37
(1957-59=100)					
Total	66	63	67	65	63
Family labor	66	64	67	64	63
Hired labor	64	62	68	65	63

1/ Employment during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Monthly indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

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Farm Wage Rates and Indexes, July 1, 1969, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1968	: July 1, : 1967	: July 1, : 1968	: July 1, : 1969
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.29
Per month with house	283	275	295	319
Per month with board and room ...	216	202	217	232
Per week with board and room	52.50	50.00	55.75	58.25
Per week without board or room ..	66.50	65.00	70.75	75.75
Per day with house	8.20	7.50	8.10	8.80
Per day with board and room	9.30	9.10	9.70	10.50
Per day without board or room ...	9.90	9.00	9.80	10.80
Per hour with house	1.28	1.23	1.33	1.45
Per hour without board or room ..	1.44	1.36	1.45	1.58
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	931	859	922	1,010
(1957-59=100)	160	148	159	174

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis. Composite rate does not include piece rate workers.

2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

Workers on Farms, July 1969 1/

State and division	July 1967 Week of 23-29			July 1968 Week of 21-27			July 1969 Week of 20-26		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	----- Thousands -----								
Maine	28	17	11	26	16	10	24	14	10
N.H.	10	7	3	9.0	6.0	3.0	8.2	5.1	3.1
Vt.	19	14	5	19	14	5.0	16.5	12	4.5
Mass.	29	13	16	29	13	16	26	11	15
R.I.	3	2	1	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.4	.9
Conn.	28	10	18	26	9.0	17	23.2	8.2	15
N.Eng.	117	63	54	112	60	52	100.2	51.7	48.5
N.Y.	126	83	43	122	81	41	118	78	40
N.J.	37	11	26	37	11	26	33	10	23
Pa.	151	126	25	146	120	26	131	111	20
M.Atl.	314	220	94	305	212	93	282	199	83
Ohio	179	154	25	174	148	26	171	148	23
Ind.	142	125	17	137	123	14	132	117	15
Ill.	198	158	40	193	153	40	200	156	44
Mich.	188	142	46	172	128	44	171	134	37
Wis.	226	197	29	235	205	30	225	195	30
E.N.Cent.	933	776	157	911	757	154	899	750	149
Minn.	257	205	52	239	192	47	247	201	46
Iowa	276	214	62	288	220	68	273	209	64
Mo.	250	195	55	229	176	53	222	173	49
N.Dak.	96	70	26	95	69	26	92	69	23
S.Dak.	88	71	17	82	69	13	85	67	18
Nebr.	145	108	37	138	108	30	139	110	29
Kans.	168	121	47	142	110	32	141	106	35
W.N.Cent.	1280	984	296	1213	944	269	1199	935	264
Del.	10	5	5	11	5.0	6.0	10	5.0	5.0
Md.	46	31	15	46	32	14	41	28	13
Va.	158	94	64	153	90	63	138	79	59
W.Va.	44	38	6	43	37	6.0	40	34	6.0
N.C.	483	255	228	431	229	202	436	220	216
S.C.	122	73	49	122	81	41	99	66	33
Ga.	120	82	38	110	83	27	105	81	24
Fla.	81	32	49	82	34	48	83	31	52
S.Atl.	1064	610	454	998	591	407	952	544	408
Ky.	211	152	59	187	139	48	174	133	41
Tenn.	172	123	49	167	121	46	151	116	35
Ala.	98	70	28	90	69	21	84	63	21
Miss.	141	108	33	149	110	39	151	115	36
E.S.Cent.	622	453	169	583	439	154	560	427	133
Ark.	180	86	94	159	77	82	175	76	99
La.	95	55	40	91	53	38	80	48	32
Okla.	144	110	34	144	108	36	140	110	30
Texas	362	227	135	363	219	144	346	220	126
W.S.Cent.	781	478	303	757	457	300	741	454	287
Mont.	59	33	26	52	31	21	54	31	23
Idaho	73	44	29	65	41	24	64	41	23
Wyo.	22	13	9	21	12	9.0	19	11	8.0
Colo.	82	42	40	81	45	36	80	40	40
N.Mex.	29	17	12	27	16	11	28	17	11
Ariz.	36	7	29	35	7.0	28	34	6.0	28
Utah	34	24	10	34	22	12	32	22	10
Nev.	7	3	4	6.3	3.3	3.0	5.7	2.9	2.8
Mount.	342	183	159	321.3	177.3	144	316.7	170.9	145.8
Wash.	112	68	44	108	70	50	110	62	48
Oreg.	109	60	49	108	54	54	119	54	65
Calif.	283	88	195	307	82	215	292	82	210
Pac.	504	216	288	525	206	319	521	198	323
U.S.	5957	3983	1974	5735.3	3843.3	1892.0	5570.9	3729.6	1841.3

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Workers on Farms: Average January through July 1969 1/

State and division	January through July 1967			January through July 1968			January through July 1969		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	----- Thousands -----								
Maine	21	14	7	20	14	6.0	19.1	13	6.1
N.H.	8	6	2	7.0	5.0	2.0	6.9	4.6	2.3
Vt.	17	13	4	15	12	3.0	15.5	12	3.5
Mass.	20	12	8	19	11	8.0	17.2	10	7.2
R.I.	2	1	1	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.3	.9
Conn.	16	9	7	15	8.0	7.0	13.9	7.9	6.0
N.Eng.	84	55	29	78	51	27	74.8	48.8	26.0
N.Y.	101	75	26	97	72	25	94	70	24
N.J.	24	11	13	23	10	13	21	10	11
Pa.	127	109	18	123	106	17	114	99	15
M.Atl.	252	195	57	243	188	55	229	179	50
Ohio	165	148	17	156	139	17	152	137	15
Ind.	135	123	12	129	119	10	122	112	10
Ill.	174	144	30	166	139	27	164	137	27
Mich.	154	129	25	145	121	24	135	115	20
Wis.	201	183	18	200	182	18	200	182	18
E.N.Cent.	829	727	102	796	700	96	773	683	90
Minn.	202	179	23	200	176	24	189	169	20
Iowa	220	191	29	216	188	28	210	184	26
Mo.	202	169	33	187	161	26	184	158	26
N.Dak.	64	53	11	62	52	10	59	50	9.0
S.Dak.	70	63	7	67	61	6.0	66	59	7.0
Nebr.	114	96	18	113	99	14	110	96	14
Kans.	123	105	18	115	100	15	109	94	15
W.N.Cent.	995	856	139	960	837	123	927	810	117
Del.	7	4	3	7.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
Md.	36	26	10	33	25	8.0	32	24	8.0
Va.	123	91	32	120	88	32	112	82	30
W.Va.	41	34	7	39	33	6.0	37	31	6.0
N.C.	266	191	75	250	183	67	244	178	66
S.C.	84	60	24	83	60	23	74	54	20
Ga.	103	78	25	100	78	22	93	73	20
Fla.	121	35	86	118	34	84	118	33	85
S.Atl.	781	519	262	750	505	245	716	479	237
Ky.	177	137	40	155	124	31	150	124	26
Tenn.	151	118	33	147	117	30	131	107	24
Ala.	95	72	23	91	71	20	86	67	19
Miss.	130	99	31	133	100	33	124	96	28
E.S.Cent.	553	426	127	526	412	114	491	394	97
Ark.	130	83	47	128	80	48	136	81	55
La.	88	58	30	85	54	31	80	51	29
Okla.	130	112	18	127	111	16	127	112	15
Texas	293	199	94	270	188	82	285	195	90
W.S.Cent.	641	452	189	610	433	177	628	439	189
Mont.	43	30	13	40	29	11	39	28	11
Idaho	49	35	14	48	35	13	44	33	11
Wyo.	16	11	5	16	11	5.0	14	9.0	5.0
Colo.	56	36	20	56	38	18	52	34	18
N.Mex.	23	14	9	23	15	8.0	21	14	7.0
Ariz.	38	7	31	38	6.0	32	39	7.0	32
Utah	23	17	6	23	17	6.0	23	17	6.0
Nev.	4	2	2	4.6	2.4	2.2	4.3	2.4	1.9
Mount.	252	152	100	248.6	153.4	95.2	236.3	144.4	91.9
Wash.	82	53	29	86	56	30	85	54	31
Oreg.	76	50	26	75	50	25	75	49	26
Calif.	244	84	160	261	77	184	253	78	175
Pac.	402	187	215	422	183	239	413	181	232
U.S.	4789	3569	1220	4633.6	3462.4	1171.2	4488.1	3358.2	1129.9

1/ Average number during survey week of each month.

Farm Work: Weekly Hours Worked Per Worker

Average for reporting farms - week of July 20-26, 1969

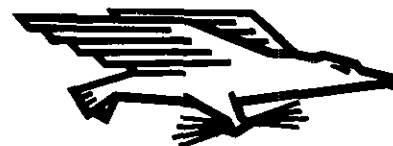
State and division	Farm Operators	Other Family Members ^{1/}	All Family ^{1/}	Hired Workers	All Workers ^{1/}
	Hours				
Maine	62.5	37.6	53.6	32.4	42.5
N.H.	58.5	37.2	53.7	41.7	47.7
Vt.	64.2	37.7	54.1	46.0	50.6
Mass.	62.9	35.8	53.1	34.8	45.2
R.I.	49.0	43.7	47.4	46.9	47.2
Conn.	55.3	34.7	48.0	38.8	44.9
N.Eng.	61.1	37.0	52.6	37.2	45.6
N.Y.	61.2	37.0	52.1	40.8	47.8
N.J.	41.3	27.4	37.2	36.5	37.0
Pa.	53.0	33.8	46.3	33.5	43.1
M.Atl.	55.6	34.7	48.1	37.8	44.4
Ohio	49.0	34.0	44.1	24.9	39.1
Ind.	40.0	32.8	38.3	21.9	34.4
Ill.	44.7	33.6	41.9	25.0	37.6
Mich.	55.8	37.2	49.2	32.2	44.9
Wis.	60.5	34.8	48.8	35.7	46.0
E.N.Cent.	49.9	34.4	44.4	28.6	40.9
Minn.	56.9	36.4	48.6	30.4	45.0
Iowa	56.8	34.1	48.8	24.9	42.1
Mo.	43.9	34.4	41.7	25.2	37.1
N.Dak.	62.7	44.4	54.7	44.2	52.8
S.Dak.	61.0	40.8	53.5	34.8	49.3
Nebr.	58.6	40.5	51.7	30.9	47.4
Kans.	52.8	37.0	48.5	33.2	44.6
W.N.Cent.	54.4	36.8	48.2	30.0	44.0
Del.	46.2	43.2	45.2	34.1	41.1
Md.	46.2	33.5	42.1	40.8	41.7
Va.	41.4	35.5	39.9	29.4	35.3
W.Va.	40.0	33.3	38.3	25.5	35.2
N.C.	40.2	34.5	38.1	17.6	24.7
S.C.	37.2	30.8	35.2	23.6	28.2
Ga.	35.0	32.3	34.2	24.4	29.1
Fla.	37.1	27.7	34.3	31.5	32.5
S.Atl.	39.2	33.3	37.3	23.0	29.1
Ky.	38.9	31.7	36.8	27.0	33.4
Tenn.	32.3	30.0	31.7	24.6	29.9
Ala.	32.1	28.3	31.2	28.4	30.2
Miss.	35.4	29.1	33.4	28.9	30.9
E.S.Cent.	34.9	30.0	33.5	27.1	31.3
Ark.	38.9	34.3	37.6	28.1	32.1
La.	31.8	28.5	31.2	33.9	32.2
Okla.	40.7	32.4	38.3	26.3	34.9
Texas	47.6	37.6	44.8	39.2	42.0
W.S.Cent.	42.4	34.6	40.3	33.4	37.3
Mont.	59.4	43.0	53.2	46.1	50.9
Idaho	57.7	41.5	51.7	39.3	48.1
Wyo.	60.5	39.3	53.3	46.0	49.8
Colo.	59.9	40.9	54.0	43.2	50.4
N.Mex.	53.7	38.3	48.3	43.5	46.3
Ariz.	46.8	30.4	43.5	45.6	44.8
Utah	48.8	34.6	42.6	28.0	37.8
Nev.	49.7	29.9	44.1	43.2	43.7
Mount.	56.7	39.7	50.8	42.6	47.6
Wash.	48.7	34.6	44.5	39.2	41.6
Oreg.	45.1	33.3	41.0	35.8	39.1
Calif.	50.0	40.7	47.0	44.6	45.1
Pac.	48.2	36.7	44.5	42.0	43.0
U.S.	46.6	34.5	42.5	32.3	38.9

^{1/} Includes as "other family only those farm household members working 15 hours or more per week without receiving cash wages.



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